NDA Joins Coalition on Infrastructure Permitting Reform

This week, NDA joined the Permit America to Build Coalition - comprised of influential business organizations - to advocate for the modernization of infrastructure permitting in the United States. The coalition is dedicated to working with lawmakers to advance policies that improve and expediate the approval process of major infrastructure projects. The coalition is headed by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and includes other organizations in the construction industry. NDA will be partnering with the coalition in the coming months to advocate for sensible policies that improve delivery of new infrastructure projects and along with implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Biden Administration Published Updated Regulatory Agenda

The Biden Administration recently published its <u>Spring 2023 Regulatory Agenda</u>, which lays out various federal agencies' regulatory plans for this year and beyond. Although aspirational in nature, the agenda provides insight into the Administration's upcoming regulatory activities and priorities. The Administration has pushed back the target dates for several regulations from their previously released agenda. Below is a timeline of key rulemakings that could impact the demolition industry.

- Updating the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts Regulations: A final rule is targeted for June 2023.
- Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses: A final rule is targeted for June 2023.
- Personal Protective Equipment in Construction: A proposed rule is targeted for June 2023.
- Classification of Independent Contractors: A final rule is targeted for August 2023.
- Overtime Rule/White Collar Exemptions: A proposed rule is targeted for August 2023.
- **Heat Illness Prevention in Outdoor and Indoor Work Settings:** Will be initiating a *Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (SBREF)* panel in August 2023.
- Occupational Exposure to Crystalline Silica: Revisions to Medical Surveillance Provisions for Medical Removal Protection: A proposed rule is targeted for January 2024.
- Crane Rule: Amendments to the Cranes and Derricks in Construction Standard are targeted for March 2024.